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Honorable Daniel K. Inouye, Chairman Select Committee on Intelligence United States Senate Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Mr. Chairman:

The Director has received several letters from Senators, who are members of the Select Committee on Intelligence, requesting security clearances for members of their personal staffs. The Department of Defense has agreed to process these clearances, at the Top Secret level, for the Intelligence Community. There are indications in some of these letters that the clearances are needed in order to permit personal staff members access to sensitive information.

I have discussed this matter with Mr. William Miller, Committee Staff Director, who informed me that these clearances are being requested merely as a precautionary measure and, consistent with the Committee rules, personal staff members will not have access to information or documents provided the Committee. Processing of these requests for clearances is proceeding with this understanding.

Sincerely,

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